



Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards

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## **Doug Butler, Scott Gowan Named Florida Dairy Farmers 2008 Cross Country Coaches-of-the-Year**

GAINESVILLE (Jan.3) – Doug Butler of Holy Trinity Episcopal and Scott Gowan of Tallahassee Chiles were named the 2008 Florida Dairy Farmers Cross Country Coaches-of-the-Year following a final round of balloting by a statewide panel of high school cross country coaches.

Coach Butler was named Boys' Coach-of-the-Year and Coach Gowan was honored as the girls' winner after leading their teams to state championships.

Butler, who was earlier chosen as the Class 1A Coach-of-the-Year, finished ahead of finalists Allison Eagen (Tallahassee Leon), Victor Arrieda (Miami Belen Jesuit) and Jorge Fleitas (Miami Columbus) for the award honoring the top boys' cross country coach in the state. His team scored 51 points on its way to capturing the 1A state title.

Gowan, the Class 3A Girls' Coach-of-the-Year, finished ahead of finalists Cassie Sanderson (Naples Community School), Mary Terry (Jacksonville Bishop Kenny) and David Frank (Jacksonville Bartram Trail), to win the girls' coaching honor. His team scored 35 points on its way to the Class 3A state championship.

“Florida’s dairy farmers congratulate Coach Butler and Coach Gowan for a job well done and we salute them with a milk toast,” said Matt Lussier, a Gainesville area dairy farmer. We take a lot of pride in watching winners such as Coach Butler and Coach Gowan represent our industry and this award in such a positive manner and we wish them continued success.”

The Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards Program exemplifies Dairy Farmers Inc.'s commitment to the state's youth. While honoring the state's top athletes, coaches and scholars in all 26 FHSAA-sanctioned sports for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the program also emphasizes to young people the importance of keeping dairy products a primary part of their diet in their overall nutrition plan.